

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, February 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 400 West Main Street Ranger, Texas. The following subjects were discussed, to wit:

## COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Honorable John Casey

Commissioner Larry Monroe

Commissioner Robert Butler

Commissioner Kevan Moize

Mayor

Place 1

Place 2

Place 2

Commissioner Bittni Boykin Place 4-Absent

City Manager Gerald Gunstanson City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry

Honorable Tammy S. Archer

**Agenda Item 01: Call to Order-** Mayor John Casey

Roll Call/Quorum Check- Savannah Fortenberry Invocation of Prayer- City Manager Gerald Gunstanson Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor John Casey Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor John Casey

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation: 1. No Participation.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- 1. Commissioner Monroe invited all to the Vietnam Veterans Park for War of Veterans Day March 26 at Noon. 2. Commissioner Moize reminded citizens to get out and vote on March 1. 3. Commissioner Butler announced the B-board meeting is scheduled for February 29 at 6pm and the next A-board meeting is March 7 at the Community Center at 5:30pm.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 17, 2022. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on January 10, 2022 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Butler. All Ayes and Motion Passed.

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: permanently closing Bristow Street between Gerdis Street and Wayland Road by Texas Special Warranty Deed; portion of Bristow Avenue that abuts Blocks 26 and Block 27, Hodges Oak Park Addition, Town of Ranger, Eastland County, Texas as per the Official plat of said addition filed of record in Slide 80. – Johnny S. Wells, Citizen

\*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to accept the deed and provide the Ordinance at the next meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moize. **Ayes- Monroe, Moize, Casey; Abstain-Butler** 

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: Adoption of Local and Federal Procurement Policies and Procedures for the City of Ranger pertaining to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) grant for the American Rescue Plan. – Gerald Gunstanson, City Manager

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to adopt the Local, State and Federal Procurement Policies and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Butler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.** 

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03-14-D: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS REGARDING THE DESIGNATION FOR PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF BRICK STREETS PRESENTLY EXISTING IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS. – Kevan Moize, Commissioner Place 3

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03-14-D and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.** 

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS REGULATING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; REPEAL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETING CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS. – Kevan Moize, Commissioner Place 3

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to send the draft ordinance with the changes to legal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.** 

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS; RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING THE HISTORY, PARKS AND MEMORIALS FOR OUR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY; REPEAL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETING CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS. – LARRY MONROE, COMMISSIONER PLACE 1

\*Motion made by Commissioner Butler to make the changes discussed and accept them as identified and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. Ayes- Butler, Monroe, Mayor Casey; Naye-Moize

<u>Agenda Item 10:</u> Discuss/Consider: a plan on the street repairs for Pine Street. - Robert Alvarez, Public Works Director

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to provide an update at the next meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Butler. All Ayes and Motion Passed.

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: The annual elections of the Officers for the REDC-A Board for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from the seven (7) directors of the REDC-A. A person may hold more than one office, except the President cannot hold the office of Secretary. Terms of office shall be one (1) year with the right of an officer to be reelected. The newly elected officers are President, Robert Butler; Vice President, Traci McCarty, and Secretary/Treasurer, Diana McCullough. – Traci McCarty, REDC-A Board

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to accept the newly elected officers as President, Robert Butler; Vice President, Traci McCarty, and Secretary/Treasurer, Diana McCullough and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. **Ayes- Moize, Monroe, Mayor Casey; Abstain-Butler** 

<u>Agenda Item 12:</u> Discuss/Consider: update on grant status regarding the new ambulance. – Gerald Gunstanson, City Manager

\*City Manager Gunstanson received an email from TDHCA stating we had scored number 7. As long as no appeals were made the City's funding is at 100% and would fund sometime after April. **No action taken.** 

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: purchasing a hands free cardiac support for the City of Ranger Ambulance. – Darrell Fox, Fire Chief

\*Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve the purchase of the hands free cardiac support for the City of Ranger Ambulance out of ARPA Funds and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.** 

Agenda Item 14: Discuss: the possibility of combining both the A and B board Ranger Economic Development Corporations. – John Casey, Mayor

\*Discussion was held regarding the combining of both the A and B board. Mayor Casey wanted the discussion to be held and the possibility of placing it on the November Election. **No action Taken.** 

<u>Agenda Item 15:</u> Discuss/Consider: Approval to allow the City Manager to submit a contract for prospective law officers requiring training for legal review. – Gerald Gunstanson, City Manager

<u>Agenda Item 16:</u> Discuss/Consider: planning for staffing vacancies. – Gerald Gunstanson, City Manager

\*City Manager Gunstanson gave an update on the open positions. Open positions in the city include Street department, police department, and water department. No action taken.

Agenda Item 17: Convene in Executive Session at 7:47pm Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section Section 551.072. Deliberations about Real Property and 551.087: Economic

**Development Negotiations (SB1851):** A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

• Discuss and Consider an offer to purchase the Garner Building located at 308 W. Main Street

Agenda Item 18: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session and take action from Executive Session- John Casey, Mayor

Agenda Item 19: Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. – John Casey, Mayor

Public Works Director

Agenda Item 20: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at 8:46pm and take action from Executive Session – John Casey, Mayor

\*REDC 4A was provided an offer of \$115,000 with the intent of opening a retail business.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to accept the offer of \$115,000 for the Garner Building and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Monroe. **Ayes- Monroe, Moize, Mayor Casey; Abstain-Butler** 

\* Motion made by Commissioner Moize to accept Robert Alvarez's resignation, advertise the position for 90 days, and give interim to Andrew Lopez with compensation to be discussed between Andrew and the City Manager and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Butler.

## Agenda Item 15: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 8:50pm

\*Motioned by Commissioner Monroe to adjourn and Commissioner Butler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All Ayes and Motion Passed.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of March, 2022

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS** 

John Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary